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ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS.

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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

ECOSOC-US PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON ILLICIT
PAYMENTS

1. AUGUST 5 ECOSOC ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS A RESOLUTION ON
ILLICIT PAYMENTS WHICH CONTAINED THE SUBSTANCE OF THE US
PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO DRAFT AN INTER-
NATIONAL CONVENTION. WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE COMPROMISE
TEXT WHICH EMERGED FROM OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE G-77.
WHILE THE WORKING GROUP TO BE ESTABLISHED IS NOT REQUIRED

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TO DRAFT A TREATY, THE MANDATE CLEARLY ALLOWS THE GROUP TO

DRAFT THE ARTICLES OF A POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT IF IT DECIDES TO DO SO. UNDER THE RESOLUTION ECOSOC DECIDES TO "ESTABLISH AN AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT AN EXAMINATION OF THE PROBLEM OF CORRUPT PRACTICES, IN PARTICULAR, BRIBERY, IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS BY TRANSNATIONAL AND OTHER CORPORATIONS, THEIR

INTERMEDIARIES AND OTHERS INVOLVED, TO ELABORATE IN DETAIL THE SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT TO PREVENT AND ELIMINATE ILLICIT PAYMENTS, IN WHATEVER FORM, IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS ...".

2. IRAN AND PAKISTAN WERE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO US DURING NEGOTIATIONS. HABIB

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